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1. WE RECHECKED THIS MORNING WITH ACTING FRG DELEGATION HEAD (HENZE) WHO, AFTER TELEPHONING BONN, CONFIRMED THAT GERMANS HAVE NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXT GIVEN PARA TWO REFTTEL.

2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN NATO CAUCUS, BRIEFING OF NEUTRALS AND NON-ALIGNED GROUP, AND FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH FRENCH, ROMANIANS AND SOVIETS, WE PLAN TO INTRODUCE PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT IN CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 17; PROPOSE ITS EARLY REGISTRATION IN FIRST PRINCIPLE ON SOVEREIGN EQUALITY; AND SUGGEST SUBCOMMITTEE RETURN TO PEACEFUL CHANGE SUBJECT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20. UNDER CURRENT SCENARIO, AFTER BRIEF US STATEMENT, FRG AND SOVIETS WILL SPEAK IN SUPPORT. THEREAFTER, FRENCH DELEGATION INTENDS TO SAY THAT TEXT AND PLACEMENT PROPOSED BY US ARE SATISFACTORY BUT THAT FRENCH DELEGATION CANNOT SUPPORT EARLY REGISTRATION BECAUSE PARIS DESIRES TO MAINTAIN LINK BETWEEN PEACEFUL CHANGE SENTENCE,

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AND SENTENCE ON INTERRELATIONSHIP OF PRINCIPLES. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT FRG FONOFF IS TELEPHONING PARIS IN AN EFFORT TO GET INSTRUCTIONS TO FRENCH DELEGATION CHANGED SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE OBLIGED TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST EARLY REGISTRATION DURING MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

3. WHATEVER FRENCH MAY DO, ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY OPPOSE WORDING OF PEACEFUL CHANGE SENTENCE, ITS PLACEMENT IN SOVEREIGN EQUALITY PRINCIPLE, AND ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER UNTIL FIRST READING OF ALL TEN PRINCIPLES HAS BEEN COMPLETED (GENEVA 1668). SOVIETS HERE STILL DO NOT SEEM AWARE OF FULL EXTENT OF ROMANIAN OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TOLD THEM WE EXPECT "PROBLEMS". FROM ROMANIANS.

4. WITH ROMANIANS VERY LIKELY TO USE CONSENSUS RULE TO BLOCK FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PEACEFUL CHANGE, WE EXPECT TOPIC WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR TIME BEING, FOLLOWING BRIEF ROUND OF STATEMENTS ON MARCH 17. DALE

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